

# U. S. ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY SUPERFUND REMOVAL FACT SHEET

# Virginia Carolina Chemical Social Circle Site Social Circle, Walton County, Georgia

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# Introduction

This fact sheet is to provide you an update on the limited soil sampling results recently conducted in June 2004 by the United States Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) – Region 4. These samples were collected near the site of a former fertilizer manufacturing plant in Social Circle, Georgia. Historic maps indicate the facility, operated by the Virginia Carolina Chemical Company, was located between East Hightower Road and the Georgia Railroad tracks, east of the city center. This facility was closed prior to 1930. Mobil acquired Virginia Carolina in 1963. In 1999, Mobil merged with Exxon. ExxonMobil is the corporate successor to Virginia Carolina Chemical Company.

# **Sampling Findings**

The results of the EPA's soil samples collected in June 2004 indicate that the levels of lead and arsenic were found to be above the EPA's removal action level. These levels were found between the north side of the 600 and 700 blocks of East Hightower Trail and the railroad tracks to the north and in a drainage ditch to the south of Hightower Trail in the area.

#### **Next Steps**

Based on current data, ExxonMobil will develop a detailed sampling plan approved by the EPA. This plan will consist of proposed additional soil and groundwater samples to further define areas that may need to be addressed. ExxonMobil and EPA will contact property owners identified in the sampling plan to obtain permission to access their properties for sampling.

### **Community Involvement Opportunity**

The EPA invites YOU to an Public Availability Session, Thursday, September 30, 2004, at Social Circle City Hall, 138 East Hightower Trail, Social Circle, GA at 6:30 p.m. to discuss the sampling results, next steps and address the issues and concerns of the Social Circle community.

#### For More Information

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